

INTERNSHIP APPLICANTS: ADMISSIONS, SUPPORT & INITIAL PLACEMENT DATA

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Overview: The internship program in clinical psychology at Northwestern University is designed to train clinical psychologists who are skilled as both clinicians and scholars. Our program has been based for many years upon a Scientist-Practitioner model, and places an emphasis upon evidence-based clinical practices. This training philosophy reflects our belief that clinical practice and clinical research mutually inform one another. This training philosophy also reflects our broader mission of providing state-of-the-science care to patients and of developing the next generation of clinical scholars. Our program, as such, is scholarly, pluralistic, and multidisciplinary. The large majority of our interns go on to complete post-doctoral fellowships in clinical psychology, and to careers combining clinical practice and research. Many of our graduates go on to careers in academic medical center, VAMC, college, or university settings.

Application Requirements: A strong preference is given to individuals from APA- or CPA-accredited doctoral programs based upon a Scientist-Practitioner or Clinical Scientist model. Inasmuch as we are interested in supporting interns' development as clinical scholars, we are very interested in both your clinical and research interests, and the fit of your interests with those of our faculty. Competitive applicants will have completed a comprehensive curriculum of coursework in clinical psychology, have passed their preliminary or comprehensive exams, and have made progress with their dissertations (such that one can reasonably expect you will be able to defend your dissertation by the end of the internship year). We provide strong support for completing your dissertation by the end of the internship year as completion of a doctorate is required if an intern wishes to stay on as a post-doctoral fellow at Northwestern. The large majority of our interns come to Northwestern with an interest in clinical scholarship. They will, then, have some record of academic productivity (as reflected in publications and/or conference presentations). The nature of our interns' interests, though, are quite broad. We are *very* interested in attracting a diverse group of interns, and so strongly encourage interns from underrepresented groups or disadvantaged backgrounds to apply.

The Clinical Psychology Internship Training Program observes the guidelines regarding timing of internship offers and acceptances adopted by the [Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers \(APPIC\)](#) and the Council of University Directors of Clinical and Counseling Programs. This internship site agrees to abide by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept or use any ranking-related information from any internship applicant.

Does the program require that applicants have received a minimum number of hours of the following at time of application? If Yes, indicate how many:

Total Direct Contact Intervention Hours	N*
Total Direct Contact Assessment Hours	N*

*Our program does not require that applicants have received a specific number of hours of practicum experience in diagnostic interviewing, testing, or psychotherapy, or that they have

received a minimum number of hours of individual supervision. We evaluate applications holistically. That said, a preference is given to applicants who have had three years of practicum training, and who have some experience with evidence-based forms of psychotherapy. Competitive applicants tend to have at least 650 hours (intervention plus assessment).

Financial and Other Benefit for the Upcoming Training Year:

- Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns: \$35,568.
- Medical insurance? Yes
- Trainee contribution to cost required? Yes
- Coverage of family member(s) available? No
- Coverage of legally married partner available? No
- Coverage of domestic partner available? No
- Life insurance: Yes
- Disability insurance: Yes
- Vacation and Professional Days (PTO and/or Vacation): 120 hours
- Holidays: New Year’s Day, MLK jr Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve
- Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave: 96 hours, accrued. We are supportive in providing reasonable unpaid leave to interns in excess of personal time off and sick leave
- Other Benefits: Book fund, Wildcard, discounted parking, University tuition reimbursement (if requirements are met), library and computer/IT resources, copy privileges, statistical support, legal assistance (through Northwestern Law School)

INITIAL POST-INTERNSHIP POSITIONS
(Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2018-2021	
Total # of interns who were in the 3 cohorts	9	
Total # of interns who remain in training in the internship program	0	
	PD	EP
Academic teaching	4	0
Community mental health center	0	0
Consortium	0	0
University Counseling Center	0	0
Hospital/Medical Center	0	0
Veterans Affairs Health Care System	0	0
Psychiatric facility	4	0
Correctional facility	0	0
Health maintenance organization	0	0
School district/system	0	0
Independent practice setting	1	0

Other

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.